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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

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Assistant Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Dear Sir:

Prior to an examination of the merits of the above-identified application, please enter the following amendments:

IN THE SPECIFICATION

Please replace the first paragraph on page 1 with the following rewritten paragraph:

(1) Field of the Invention

The present invention relates to portable telephone devices and in particular to portable telephone devices equipped with a lighting device for better viewability of a display panel in a dark place.

Please replace the third paragraph on page 2 with the following rewritten paragraph:

However, if requests for contents information from many users' portable telephone devices are made for the server at a same time, standby time for connecting with the server would be longer, and therefore it takes a long time to receive the requested contents information from the server. Such a case causes a problem that the portable telephone device cannot receive the contents information within the given period of time for lighting up the display panel, but at the time when the contents information is received, the lighting has gone out. This leads to the situation where the user cannot read the contents information even though the contents information is displayed on the display panel.

Please replace the fifth paragraph on page 12 with the following rewritten paragraph:

In the case that the server responses to the request instruction signal and distributes the contents information to the communication unit 3 via the base station, and the communication unit 3 outputs the contents information within the waiting time for response (S103:Y), the control unit 5 reproduces the output contents information, outputs the reproduced contents information to the display unit 6 so as to display the contents information on the display panel in the display unit 6 (S104), and outputs the light-up instruction signal to the display lighting unit 7 so as to turn on the backlight (S106).

IN THE CLAIMS

Please add the following newly drafted Claims 13-15.

1 13. (New) In a telephone device having a display panel for displaying information
2 received from a source in response to a request transmitted from the telephone device, the
3 improvement comprising:

4 a light source for lighting the display panel;

5 a detecting unit for determining when the request has been made for information
6 from the source; and
7 a control unit for activating and deactivating an illumination of the light source in
8 response to an output signal from the detecting unit.

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1 15. (New) The telephone device of Claim 14 wherein the detecting unit further
2 determines when information from the source has been received and provides a corresponding
3 output signal to the control unit for activating the light source.

REMARKS

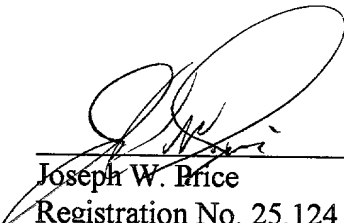
The proposed changes to the specification and the addition of new claims does not add any new matter to the case.

Attached hereto is the priority document in accordance with 35 U.S.C. Section 119.

If the Examiner has any questions with regards to the prosecution of the present case, he can contact the undersigned attorney at the listed telephone number.

Respectfully submitted,

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VERSION WITH MARKINGS TO SHOW CHANGES MADE

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